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Hongkong, March 24, 1898.

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THINGS SLOWLY LEARNED.

There is a man in Scotland who used to write
 many readable and instructive things. His sig-
 nature was "A Country Parson," and a bright
 parson he is. One of his essays is entitled,
 "Things Slowly Learned," a good line of thought
 for anybody.

Well, here is one of the things slowly learned—
 that disease doesn't jump on a man like a
 wild cat out of a tree, but develops from seeds
 and conditions, just as roses and weeds do. We
 who write and print by essay, we grow these
 seeds are one, have said this a hundred times;
 but all the people don't seem to have thoroughly
 grasped the idea yet.

For Mr. Theodore Treasore alone has done
 so. He has written and said this a hundred times;
 but all the people don't seem to have thoroughly
 grasped the idea yet.

Any one who has ever been through the sort
 of thing can easily believe what Mr. Treasore
 says; for when every muscle and joint in a
 man's body is throbbing with inflammation, it
 isn't his common-sense that tells him that he
 isn't feeling well. It is agony and torment
 in the supreme degree. Yet we ought to know
 better than to have it. But we don't—yet.

I was perfectly "helpless," continues our
 friend, "and could scarcely move. In fact, the
 people had to move me from one side of the
 bed to the other. Month after month I was
 laid up and suffering in this way. I had a
 doctor attending me, but he wasn't able to do
 much to relieve me.

Finally, to cut the story short, I came to
 hear of Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup. I read
 about it in a book that was left at my house.
 The book said this medicine was good for
 rheumatism, and so my wife got me a bottle
 from Mr. Ford, the grocer, at Oakhill. After
 taking it for a week I felt great relief. Then I
 found it had cured me; it had completely driven
 the rheumatism out of my system. I am writing
 you should publish these facts, and you can
 refer any inquirer to me. (Signed) Theodore
 Treasore, Wagon and Horse Inn, Douglas,
 Shetland, Scotland, November 3rd, 1893.

Now let's look back a moment. To the
 thoughtful reader Mr. Treasore's story may look
 a little confused and mixed. That is, it de-
 scribes the symptoms of rheumatism proper in
 connection with a lot of other symptoms which
 wouldn't seem at first sight to have anything to
 do with rheumatism. But there's where the
 trouble is, and that's the regular warning. His
 account shows that he was a victim of chronic
 indigestion, dyspepsia, and torpid liver—and
 that covers the whole ground. Rheumatism
 (and this is the chief lesson) is merely a
 nasty symptom of a dyspeptic condition of
 the digestive organs. At the outset it means
 too much eating and drinking. This results in
 the formation of a poisonous acid called uric
 acid, and produces the local outbreak called
 rheumatism. Hence we cure it from within
 not without. And this true idea is with a
 new idea—do you see?

To get this lesson by heart. You can
 cure it by Seigel's Syrup. You can
 cure it by Seigel's Syrup. But it is more com-
 fortable to prevent it.

WEATHER REPORT.
 The following notice is issued from the
 Observatory:—

On the 26th at 11.30 a.m. The barometer
 has fallen generally. Pressure is highest
 at the coast, and lowest at the interior. In
 depression in the N. part of the Sea of
 Japan. Gradients slight on the China
 coast. Forecast—moderate E. winds;
 fair.

THE NEW-BALMORAL GOLD MIN-
 ING CO., LIMITED.

The General Managers, Messrs John D.
 Humphreys & Son, have received the
 following report from their mining manager
 by steamer Guthrie:—

Mount Macdonald,
 28th February, 1898.

I have the honour to report on the
 mine as follows:—

Queen Mine.—The reef mentioned in
 my last report has been driven upon 10
 feet north and varies from 2 to 4 feet in
 thickness. Although well mineralized have
 not found any gold as yet. It is a some-
 what singular formation, being a feet thick
 at the bottom of the drive and 2 feet at the
 top, and tapering off as it goes up. There
 is no defined wall on the west side; con-
 sequently it is very hard to determine
 whether it is a continuation of the Queen
 reef or an entirely new formation. Should
 it be the latter, then the Queen is yet
 to be the west, and in order to prove
 this, the cross-cut drive is being pushed
 on to the west of formation, this being the
 only safe course to adopt. We are now 8
 feet west of formation. Another 10 or 12
 feet will decide the question. Should the
 formation already passed through prove to
 be the continuation of the Queen, it would
 be advisable to sink the shaft an additional
 50 feet, for several reasons. At the present
 we are evidently near the top of the forma-
 tion, consequently if we drive upon it we
 will have no store above the drive. (2)
 It is evident from what we can see already
 we will have a much larger formation 60
 feet deeper. For these reasons alone it
 would be much more satisfactory to sink.
 It is more than possible that we have struck
 the ledge in my previous report. Should
 the Balmoral Mine be crushed for gold and
 party, 64 tons; yield, 15 oz. 3 dw. return
 to the Company in addition to
 royalty get one half. The ground from
 whence this was taken is too hard and the
 weight of stone too small and irregular to pay
 for mining it. Other parties are propos-
 ing on their own account, subject to paying
 royalty to the Company. Contractors for
 battery making fast progress.

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Mount Macdonald,
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I have the honour to report that work at
 the mines is progressing in a satisfactory
 manner.

At the Bureks main shaft stoning is be-
 ing carried on above the 150 and 200 feet
 levels where, as previously reported, there
 are large quantities of ore in sight.

At the 300 feet level the rock is being
 driven and open rock and scum. Here we
 have a reef 7 to 8 feet thick. Stone of the
 most promising character and shows gold.
 Have every confidence that as soon as level
 is opened up the yield from the battery will
 improve.

The sinking of the mine to connect the
 200 feet with the 300 feet level has been
 resumed to-day and will be continued until
 the connection is made.

A fortnightly cleaning up at the battery
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GREAT EASTERN AND CAL-
 DONIAN GOLD MINING CO.,
 LIMITED.

The following report has been received
 from the Manager at the mines per steamer
 Guthrie:—

Mount Macdonald,
 28th February, 1898.

Great Eastern Shaft has reached a total
 depth of 141 feet or an addition of 11 feet
 during the last twelve days, including
 timbering of over 30 feet. This is a fine
 result for such a big shaft with hard ground
 to work in, and a credit to the three shifts
 employed there. The shaft is all timbered
 and laddered to the above depth.

The Prospecting Shaft is down to 85 feet
 with no particular features to report. The
 last twelve days' work is disappointingly
 slow, and I shall sink the remaining depth
 by contract.

Caledonian Main Shaft—I am pleased to
 be able to inform you that the shaft has
 been sunk sufficiently far to open to con-
 tinuous sinking, and although it has not all
 gone down it will not be long before we
 have got rid of it completely.

The Zola Shaft is down 99 feet, with
 nothing fresh to report. The water here is
 not very troublesome now.

MR JOHN DILL ROSS ON FOCHOW.
 The gallant old *Tacoma* next turned up
 at Fochow, a place at which I had no
 earthly business, nor any reasonable expec-
 tation of finding pleasure there. The *Ta-
 coma* steamed up the river to the Pagoda
 anchorage, where she dropped her anchor.
 The scenery about this spot must be at-
 tractive enough in good weather; a fine hilly
 country, carefully cultivated. When I saw
 it, however, the weeping skies were obscur-
 ed by cloud and storm, and the river was
 overflowing its banks. Our steam launch
 forced its way as best it could through
 the swirling currents of the Min River,
 but we were some two or three hours
 longer than we expected in getting to
 Fochow itself. Here we made fast in
 front of one of the great big houses rising
 like a wall, the water's edge, after pushing
 our way through a forest of junk and
 shacks and sheds. The scene was one of
 great activity and confusion, as everybody
 was busy getting things ready for the *Tacoma*.
 Once inside the house we were promptly in-
 formed that incessant rains had so swollen
 the Min River that half the country was
 under water, and that our stay in Fochow,
 instead of being limited to two hours
 as we expected, would extend over a couple
 of days at least. As neither my friend nor
 myself knew anything of value about tea
 or British Columbia, we were put into a
 couple of chairs by our hospitable friends
 and sent to their home. Directly we got out
 of the *hang* our chairs carried us swiftly
 up a very narrow street built up in steep
 steps, and bordered by shops and
 houses on either side. This queer alley
 way was simply clogged with people, pigs,
 dogs, dead fish and dirt. The first three
 times I was nearly choked with the stench
 of the house and the stench of the street.
 Our chair coolies simply charged this living
 mass of people, and we were put into a
 room in the most unceremonious manner
 possible, and earning for us a most abhor-
 rent shower of curses and maledictions.
 Presently we got clear of the crowded
 thoroughfares and found ourselves being
 carried through a narrow, grubby street,
 which, as a matter of fact, covered some
 miles of ground. Many of the towns were
 in ruins and exhibited the mouldering
 outlines of what they had been erected.
 It rained heavily. I was getting very wet
 indeed, and almost wishing I had not come
 to Fochow. Presently our chairs swung
 into a little lane and stopped before a
 small door in a great high wall of a most
 conventional aspect. The door opened and
 our bearers carried us through it into a
 tiny garden enclosed within four lofty
 walls, and presently we were in a garden
 before the steps leading up to a
 fine big, airy and most comfort-
 able house. We scrambled out of our
 chairs, and in due course were explaining
 to two ladies who had never seen be-
 fore, who we were, and so forth. We were
 accorded an appropriate welcome, and dur-
 ing tea time their husbands turned up
 and addressed us so to speak, thus making things
 more comfortable for everybody. An ex-
 cellent dinner in a well-appointed and bril-
 liantly lit house gave us new and more
 pleasant ideas of Fochow.

There is a spacious and very comfortable
 bath in Fochow, and I heard from the fact
 that it was a lady looking over the papers
 in the reading room, the fair sex are evi-
 dently allowed to avail themselves of some
 of its privileges.

Many people seem to get very fond of
 Fochow; I heard much of the attractions
 of the place and of the exceeding beauty
 of the upper reaches of the Min river. This
 may be so, but it must be extremely dis-
 agreeable to live in the very midst of a
 huge Chinese built ground, and the
 "foreigner" is absolutely forced to endure
 the horrors of such sights and smells as
 will try the strongest nerves to the utmost.
 I shall never forget my first and only
 country in Fochow. I was told of a
 beautiful young lady, a bride and newly
 arrived from home, and my orders were
 taken for a nice long walk. We went
 through scores of graves and endured the
 monotony of scores of mouldering coffins,
 which I noticed to be in the most dis-
 agreeable position. We were wandering
 like a pair of lunatics amongst
 the tombs, and I struck off into a little
 green lane which seemed rather pretty. In
 this lane we promptly got entangled with
 a score of dirty ruffians carrying par-
 of respectable arms on their shoulders. The
 unfortunate lady turned as white as a
 sheet and nearly fainted, and as for me, I
 was never more utterly discomposed in all
 my life. We cut that promenade as short
 as we could and went out for more "nice
 walks." It seems to me that no place is
 good enough amidst such surroundings,
 and where such incidents are unavoidable.

What I saw of Fochow was but the
 foreign settlement and the Chinese suburb
 which appears to have grown up round it.
 The real Fochow is a most interesting place.
 The river, I often looked across the
 broad waters of the Min, and saw the
 city and the vast waterworks Chinese
 city to which it gives access, but I had
 not the slightest desire to make any
 closer acquaintance with it. Fochow is a
 very big city, and the capital of a province
 governed by a viceroy. Its population
 has been variously estimated, but it prob-
 ably numbers not far short of a million
 inhabitants. Like all Chinese cities, how-
 ever, it is a horrible place. Speaking of
 cities, the author of *China's Growth*,
 the accomplished author of *China's Growth*,
 writes, "The traveller thinks he
 has found the worst Chinese city when he
 has inspected Fochow, but he is certain of it
 when he visits Ningpo, and doubly so on
 arriving in Shanghai. Yet after all it will
 not be thought to be a healthy place when
 he reviews with impartiality and endures
 the claims of Fooking—Singapore Free
 Press.

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 the mines is progressing in a satisfactory
 manner.

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 ing carried on above the 150 and 200 feet
 levels where, as previously reported, there
 are large quantities of ore in sight.

At the 300 feet level the rock is being
 driven and open rock and scum. Here we
 have a reef 7 to 8 feet thick. Stone of the
 most promising character and shows gold.
 Have every confidence that as soon as level
 is opened up the yield from the battery will
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 compiled by the Nautical Almanac Office
 in London from the result of the analysis
 of observations taken by means of an au-
 tomatic tide recording machine in the Wa-
 ter Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during
 the years 1887-8.

The zero of the table is Low Water Oc-
 cean Spring Tides, which has been found
 to be 2 feet below mean sea level.
 To obtain the depth of water on the tide
 gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 ft.
 6 in., and at the gauge at Lamoon Dock
 4 ft. 6 in., and at the gauge at Tsim Sha Tsui
 12 ft. 9 in. in the height given
 in the table.

26th March to 1st April.

High Water. Low Water.

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Intimations.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

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...among whom a high degree of Chinese
...scholarship is now assiduously cultivated,
...and who are more or less represented in the
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...creditable to their respective countries,
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